# Degree Program: Mathematics (B.A.)

Student Learning Outcome	ULG	Measures/Instruments	How Information is used
Students will demonstrate	CT-4, 5, 6	Course grades from	This data are collected by the
knowledge of core		MAT 2443 – Calculus and	course faculty and the
mathematical content in	QR-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Analytic Geometry III	department chair.
differential and integral		MAT 3501 - Differential	Course grade data are shared
Calculus and its applications		Equations I	informally among course
			instructors and the
			department chair. Students who earn a "C" or lower
			typically are required to meet
			with their advisor to discuss potential issues and
			deficiencies that may be
			present moving forward.
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Students will demonstrate	CT-4, 5, 6	Course grades from	This data are collected by the
knowledge of core		MAT 3530 – Abstract Algebra	course faculty and the
mathematical content in	QR-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	MAT 4760 – Linear Algebra	department chair.
algebraic structures			Course grade data are shared
			informally among course
			instructors and the
			department chair. Students
			who earn a "C" or lower
			typically are required to meet
			with their advisor to discuss
			potential issues and
			deficiencies that may be
			present moving forward.

Students will be able to communicate about reasoning and proof in both oral and written forms	WCR – 1, 2, 3, 4 SL – 3, 7	Course grades from MAT 2800 – Foundations of Mathematics MAT 4860 – Mathematical Analysis	This data are collected by the course faculty and the department chair. Course grade data are shared informally among course instructors and the department chair. Students who earn a "C" or lower typically are required to meet with their advisor to discuss potential issues and deficiencies that may be present moving forward.
Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills	CT – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 RC-4	Presentations in MAT 4700	Students are required to write and present mathetical ideas. A rubric is used to assess at least significant presentation of this work.

#### **Notes**

- We are discussing the use of a rubric to assess one or more assignments in MAT 2800. We think such an assessment will help us better individually assess communication.
- The department has a developed exit survey for graduates that was implemented a few years ago but has not been used the past couple of years. It will be implemented once again in the next year or so now that we can consistently offer face to face or online versions of classes. The purpose of the survey is to gain student feedback on learning experiences in the classroom and with the professors.

# Degree Program: Computer Science (B.S.)

Student Learning Outcome	ULG	Measures/Instruments	How Information is used
Students will demonstrate	CT-4, 5, 6	Course grades from	The data are collected by the
knowledge of core		MAT 2442 – Calculus and	course faculty and the
mathematical content	QR-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Analytic Geometry II	department chair.
		MAT 2345 – Discrete	Course grade data are shared
		Mathematics	informally among course
		MAT 2550 – Introduction to	instructors and the
		Linear Algebra	department chair. Students
		MAT 3701 – Probability and	who earn a "C" or lower
		Statistics I	typically are required to meet
			with their advisor to discuss
			potential issues and
			deficiencies that may be
			present moving forward.
Students will become	CT-3, 4	Course grades and individual	The data are collected by the
proficient in programming in	QR - 4	labs from	course faculty and the
a high-level object-oriented		CSM 2670 – Object Oriented	department chair.
language.		Programming	Course grade data are shared
			informally among computer
			science faculty and the
			department chair. Students
			who earn a "C" or lower
			typically are required to meet
			with their advisor to discuss
			potential issues and
			deficiencies that may be
			present moving forward.

			Labs are examined and discussed each summer prior to next course offering.
Students will understand the architecture, organization, and programming of modern computing systems.	CT-3, 4 QR - 4	Assessments projects from CSM 3670 – Principles of Computer Systems CSM 4970 – Principles of Operating Systems	The data are collected by the course faculty and the department chair. Course grade data are shared informally among computer science faculty and the department chair. Students who earn a "C" or lower typically are required to meet with their advisor to discuss potential issues and deficiencies that may be present moving forward. Labs are examined and discussed each summer prior to next course offering.
Students will learn the foundations of computer science, algorithm efficiency, and computational complexity	QR - 4	Assignments from CSM 4880 – Design and Analysis of Algorithms	The data are collected by the course faculty and the department chair. Course grade data are shared informally among computer science faculty and the department chair. Students who earn a "C" or lower typically are required to meet with their advisor to discuss potential issues and

			deficiencies that may be present moving forward. Labs are examined and discussed each summer prior to next course offering.
Students will use current techniques, skills, and tools necessary for the practice of the discipline.	CT-3, 4 QR - 6	Completion of internship or similar applied experience (CSM 4275 – Internship in Computer Science). During the internship the student is evaluated the site internship supervisor. In most cases there is a site visit or other regular communication between the student and the intern coordinator. The student must complete a report about the internship that details what work was done, how problems were overcome, and how the experience allowed him/her to apply what has been learned in the classroom to the field.	Data are collected by the departmental internship coordinator. Data are shared informally among the computer science faculty.

## CLAS Deans' comments on Math B.A. report

## **Reviewer:** Michael Cornebise

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- 3. While the department plans to relaunch an exit survey for graduates and is considering a rubric to assess assignments in MAT 2800 (which I think are both great ideas), the bulk of the assessment plan focuses on grades in specified courses to assess many of the SLOs. How will the department determine the extent to which learning outcomes are met (or not, as the case may be)? To drill down a bit deeper, the department might consider the use of targeted exam questions that every student will answer or pre- and post-tests to more fully address and evaluate the desired outcomes.
- 4. The feedback loop is clearly identified in the plan and includes pathways for students to shore up deficiencies. However, it would be useful to know how the data can be used by the faculty as a means to inform program improvement.

Overall, though, I think with the addition of the exit survey and the development of the MAT 2800 rubric, the program will be ready for data collection.

## CLAS Deans' comments on Computer Science B.S. report

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